

Miss Torrance to Model In B'nai B'rith Style Show



GLITTERING GOWN... Sandra Lea Constance, Miss Torrance for 1953, shows one of the gowns which will be featured at the South Bay B'nai B'rith Fashion Show next Wednesday night, Sept. 30, at the Gardena Community Center, 1851 Market St., Gardena. A huge, powder blue satin bow highlights the sequin-sparkled, sheath cocktail frock. Luscious furs also will be shown during the 8:30 p.m. show, which carries the theme "From Dawn to Dusk." Tickets may be obtained by calling Mrs. Bernard Yeskin at FAirfax 8-4883.

Director of Health Praises WCTU Work

Tribute for its part in alcohol and narcotic education for youth went to the Women's Christian Temperance Union at the recent Los Angeles County convention of the group, held at Santa Monica.

Speaking before a gathering of local members at the 1617 Beech Ave. home of Mrs. Fern Uken last week, Nellie Henry, county officer, told how C. Morley Sellers, M.D., director of health education in Los Angeles City Schools, had praised the WCTU in his convention address.

Through its films, essay contests, and poster contests, the WCTU enriches opportunity and aids in the responsibility of the school for alcohol and narcotic education, Dr. Sellers said.

Rosa Turner, Martha Bell, and Merrill Allen, member of the local chapter, also presented brief reports of convention highlights.

Mrs. Adean Miller, local president, will serve on the reception committee when the state convention is held at Long Beach Nov. 2 through 6. Plans are being made for Torrance members to attend, she said.

Mrs. Miller also reported on the recent WCTU youth camp held at Barton Flats. Educational work in the narcotics line featured camp activities, she said.

23 Brownies Get Wings

Twenty-three Brownies of Troop 1371, led by Mrs. Robert Payne, became Girl Scouts last week when fly-up ceremonies were held at McMaster Hall.

Preceding the rites, Mrs. Johnson of the sponsoring Stitch and Chatter Club presented the troop with a money gift on behalf of her club. Pins and wings were presented by Mesdames Basil Ball and Earl Brest.

Girls "flying up" were Sharon Erwin, Lloyd Anne Fisher, Marilyn Lush, Donna Stoeckle, Pat Solon, Susan Wilson, Mary Louise Payne, Barbara Juliano, Phyllis Ferrin, Tene Jo Ainsworth, Judy Simmons, Judy Ogawa, Nadine Truscott, Judy Van Bellehem, Sandra Worthan, Pam Warner.

Sherry Barberi, Nancy McDonald, Faisy Kelly, Louise Rizzo, Barbara Felton, Peggy Spratt, and Roberta Chavez.



CARD PLAYING QUARTET... Enjoying a hand of canasta following last Wednesday's style show, presented by Court St. Catherine, Catholic Daughters of America, at the 1010 Beech Ave. home of Mrs. Laura Felker are, left to right, Mesdames R. J. Prout, William Crooker, L. A. McCoy, and Louis Dyer.

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MR. AND MRS. DON MESCHEDER... Cut Wedding Cake

Hickory Ave. Home Chosen By New-wed Don Mescheders

Apartment A, 1418 Hickory Ave., is the new home address of the former Miss Earlene Cristee and Donald Mescheder, who entered the Mr. and Mrs. world at Sept. 6 ceremonies at the Methodist Church here.

The attractive bride, daughter of the Nick Cristees of Redondo Beach, and her husband, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rios, 1642 W. 208th St., set up housekeeping headquarters following a honeymoon at Yosemite. About 150 people, gathered for a post-wedding reception at the home of the groom's parents, said goodbye as the new pair left on the trip.

The Saturday service was read at 1 o'clock by the Rev. John Taylor, with Lucille Leach, sister of the bride, attending as maid of honor and Charles Mescheder serving as his brother's best man.

Miss Cristee chose a white tulle over satin gown and white carnation bouquet centered with a single white orchid which contrasted effectively with the royal blue satin and tulle gown worn by her maid of honor. Her bridesmaids, Miss Charlotte Ford and Mrs. Bill Letz, wore harmonizing gowns of baby blue satin and tulle, while little Miss Diane Wilson, attending as flower girl, was gowned in pink satin. Each of the attendants carried a pink carnation bouquet.

Danny Stevenson served as ring bearer, while Bill Letz and Jack Major took ushers' posts.

The new Mrs. Mescheder graduated from Torrance High School last June. Her husband is a June '52 graduate of Gardena High School.

Casual Afternoon Wear Highlights Court St. Catherine Style Show

Highlighting the casual scene, Court St. Catherine, Catholic Daughters of America, women and their children showed new fall styles to nearly 150 people who gathered at the 1010 Beech Ave. home of Mrs. Laura Felker Wednesday afternoon for the club's annual garden party.

Thirty-six costumes from Mari-Lyn's Dress Shop and numerous garments from Neta's Tots and Teens were featured in the hour and a half show, narrated by Mrs. Edith Dalton.

As at so many shows this season, the sheath look predominated. Outstanding among the casual afternoon wear displayed was a black sheath jacket dress made of sharkskin with red, black, and white plaid wool piping around the neck-

line and double-breasted button line to match the tiny jacket.

Other eye-catchers with a go-everywhere look were a gray flannel frock with button hole looping around the neckline and cuffs and a mauve checked wool flannel with deep purple ascot tie.

The grey dress featured a novel skirt with straight panels in front and back and an accordion pleated effect at each side for a slenderizing line.

Style highlights of the tailored mauve frock with dolman sleeves and a high, stand-up collar.

Sheath note was emphasized again and again in cocktail wear. Drawing much admiration from the crowd was an elegant black satin with detail embroidered on the fabric for added richness and deep swirling folds at the bustline. For the more mature figure there was a regal purple crepe gown with side drape on the skirt for a slenderizing line and deep velvet cuffs embroidered with pearls and sequins for an added touch of elegance.

Modeling women's fashions were Mesdames William Garrity, John McVey, Bernard Harwood, Cecelia Young, William Hardesty, and Esther Wilson. Children's clothes were shown by Barbara, Susan, and Margie Loew, John O'Hara, Joann Gitschler, Sandra Lee Derouin, Ronnie and Jimmie Forester, and Patricia Hayward.

Mrs. Lawrence Derouin, assisted by Mesdames Raymond Rogers and Vincent Hebron, was in charge of arrangements for the dinner and card party which followed.



ADMIRE DECORATIONS... Mrs. Sids Gans shows a doll highlighting table decor at the Junior Woman's Club initiation dinner Wednesday night to Mrs. Robert Evans. Also admiring the figure, which symbolizes the October party planned to honor new Junior members, are other initiates, left to right, Mesdames Frank E. Kelley Jr., James M. Weir, Barton Tatum, Delet G. Paul, and Thurlow T. Weir.



COCKTAIL TIME... Kay (Mrs. William) Garrity shows a smart cocktail suit done up in bright aqua fall. The sheath slim dress features a modified square neckline with folds across the bustline; its top is fashioned with pleated peplum and high, stand-up collar plunging into a deep scoop neckline. Costume from the local Mari-Lyn Dress Shop, was one of many fall outfits displayed at Wednesday's style show, presented by Court St. Catherine, Catholic Daughters of America, at the 1010 Beech Ave. home of Mrs. Laura Felker.

North City PTA Starts Fall With Thursday Paper Drive

First of three paper drives to help finance North Torrance Elementary PTA activities during the coming year will be held next Thursday, Oct. 1, Mrs. Tone Rogers, publicity chairman, revealed this week.

All papers and magazines will be needed to make the drive successful, and rags, rags, and mattresses also will be accepted, she said. Papers, tied in 10-inch bundles, and rags in bags, must be at the school by 12:30 p.m. Strings and bags will be sent home with school children to facilitate bundling.

Anyone desiring to have articles picked up may call Mmes. J. B. Baldwin at MEIno 4-1218, Curtis Johnson at MEIno 4-0446, or M. A. Anderson at MEIno 2-7925.

Results of the drive and plans for future activities will be told PTA members when they gather at the school kindergarten room Oct. 14 at 7:30 p.m. for the first general meeting. Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of Torrance City Schools, will give the feature address, "Let's Get Acquainted."

Since date of the session falls in conjunction with Girl Scout Week, Troop 1371 will participate in the program. A display of their arts and crafts will be on view during the social hour.

Presentation of the 1953-54 budget for association approval will highlight the business agenda.

Included in future PTA plans is a "Get Acquainted Day," to be held Oct. 22 at McMaster Park, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Highlight of the day will be a white elephant auction from 12 noon to 1 p.m. Members are requested to bring articles they wish to donate for the sale to the Oct. 14 meeting, or call Mrs. Robert Clark at MEIno 4-6125 or Mrs. Walter Buffington at MEIno 4-0153 to arrange for pickup service.

Home-baked goods and candies will be sold throughout the day, and coffee and doughnuts will be served.

Featuring the winter slate will be a "Rumpelstiltskin" marionette show all day at the school.

PLAN SATURDAY PICNIC

New president of the Kansas State Society, Mrs. Marie Emrick, is calling all former residents of the "Sunflower State" to an all-day reunion at Sycamore Grove Park in Los Angeles next Saturday, Oct. 3.



INFORMAL CHAT... Mrs. Richard M. Rojo leans over to discuss forthcoming Junior Woman's Club activities with Mrs. Richary Heath. Other new members who gathered to chat after last Wednesday night's candlelight initiation ceremonies are, seated, Mrs. Von Sommer, and standing, left to right, Mesdames Kenneth Miller, Thomas Denman, Joseph Bay, Albert Jenke, and Paul Winn.

Candlelight Ceremonies Initiate 15 New Juniors

Fifteen young Torrance matrons recited the Junior Woman's Club pledge last Wednesday night at an impressive candlelight ritual at the Woman's Clubhouse, 1422 Engracia Ave.

The group of initiates, pictured at left below, were received into membership by Mrs. J. A. Barrington, president, with Mmes. Frances Snodgrass, advisor; George Stevens, first vice-president; and J. H. Hull assisting with the ceremonies.

Dinner table decorations arranged by Mrs. James Halle carried out the initiation theme, with the complete Junior pledge, cut-out of pale blue paper, and blending blossoms used as center runners. Miniature calendars marked each place setting, while elaborate center arrangements symbolized each of the six major social activities planned by the club this year.

A paper doll with gray cha peau illustrated the October party, to which members will wear hats depicting their husbands' occupation. A pot of beans depicted the potluck dinner-dance to be held in honor of husbands in November.

December highlight, the annual children's Christmas party, was symbolized by Santa, while the three-of-hearts, surrounded by red crepe paper hearts, illustrated the February dessert card party.

Annual smorgasbord planned for April was shown by a drawing of the festive dinner table, and "Watch the Dimes Grow," a wags and means party planned for May, was symbolized by a money tree.

Entertainment following the dinner and initiation rites was provided by Nadine Nickel, mezzo-soprano, accompanied by Roger Bushell. Miss Nickel chose an international note for her program, singing Spanish, Italian, Irish, and popular American numbers.

"Granada," an aria from Puccini's "La Tosca," "Give Me One Hour" from Rudolf Friml's "The Great White Eagle," "My Man's Gone Now" from Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess," "Look to the Rainbow," and "The Lord Has Given Me a Song" were included in her repertoire.